

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 2, line 22 and ending at page 3, line 6 as follows.

To meet these requirements, certain proposals have been made to date. Proposed include, for example, recording media in each of which a fine aluminum hydrate is coated together with a water-soluble binder on a base material. JP 60-232990 A discloses a recording paper provided with a coating layer which contains a porous cationic aluminum hydrate. In JP 2-276670 A, JP 6-48016 A, JP 6-55829 A, JP 7-76161 A, ~~JP 8-22608 A~~ JP 8-22608 B, JP 10-44585 A, JP 11-34484 A and JP 2000-239578 A, recording sheets containing aluminum hydrates having the pseudo-boehmite structure are disclosed. In particular, JP 7-76161 A and JP 2000-239578 A disclose recording sheets containing an alumina sol of the pseudo-boehmite structure and boric acid or a salt thereof. Recording media with such inorganic pigments contained therein include a number of voids so that they are excellent in ink absorption properties and also in gloss. They can, therefore, provide images comparable in quality with silver halide pictures. By acidic gas in the air such as ozone, nitrogen oxides and sulfur oxides, however, these images are substantially discolored or faded, and in severe instances, the color perceptions of the images may be altered as quickly as less than a week.